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Judge Power was elected to the bench in 1992 and re-elected in 1998, 2004, 2010, and 2016.

A Traverse City native, Judge Power attended Traverse City High School (now Traverse City Central) and received a degree in economics from Carlton College, Phi Beta Kappa. Judge Power attended the University of Michigan Law School and received a master's degree in taxation from New York University Law School before practicing law with the office of Elhart & Power. He represented Leelanau, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska Counties in the Michigan State Legislature for ten years and was a member of that body's Judiciary Committee. Judge Power previously served on the Grand Traverse-Leelanau Mental Health Board and was a member of the Traverse City School Board.

Judge Power is a member of the Traverse City Rotary Club and is a pilot for the U.S. Coast Guard Air Auxiliary. He is married and has two children.

Judge Elsenheimer was appointed to the bench in 2017 to replace retired Judge Philip E. Rodgers, Jr.

Judge Elsenheimer is a native of Traverse City, and now owns the same East Bay Township farm where four generations of his family have lived. He attended Traverse City Senior High School (now Central) and received undergraduate degrees from Northwestern Michigan College and Michigan State University. He attended law school at Wayne State University. He served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Antrim County before forming the firm of Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling, P.C., based in Bellaire.

After five years as a trustee on the Bellaire School Board, the Judge served in the Michigan House of Representatives for six years, where he was elected Assistant Speaker Pro Tem, Assistant Minority leader, and Minority Leader. He chaired a Standing Committee on Tort Reform and served on the Judiciary Committee. He served in Gov. Rick Snyder's cabinet as Executive Director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). His prior service to the administration includes time as a Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), and as Executive Director of the Michigan Workers' Compensation Agency.

Judge Elsenheimer is married and has three children.